

June 20

Acts 16:13-18

**“Hidden Evil
Spirits Mixed In”**



13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the

things which were
spoken of Paul.

¹⁵ And when she was
baptized, and her
household, she
besought us, saying, If
ye have judged me to
be faithful to the Lord,
come into my house,
and abide there. And
she constrained us.

¹⁶ And it came to pass,
as we went to prayer, a
certain damsel
**possessed with a spirit
of divination** met us,
which brought her

masters much gain by
soothsaying: ¹⁷ The
same followed Paul and
us, and cried, saying,
These men are the
servants of the most
high God, which shew
unto us the way of
salvation. ¹⁸ And this
did she **many days**. But
Paul, being grieved,
turned and said to the
spirit, I command thee
in the name of Jesus
Christ to come out
of her. And he came
out the same hour.

How “many days”
will it be before
true Believers
recognize and are
grieved by the evil
spirits that are
among
themselves—within
their fellowships
and families?

Who will exercise

the power of God
and have the
courage to cast
them out?

Is it that the
evil is not
distinguishable
from the good
because the
leaders,
themselves,

are evil?

Are there more
who are “possessed
with a spirit of
divination” than
there are who
“worshipped God”?